HRSA Programs Serve Rural Communities

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) has supported:

- at least 750,000 people each year since 2011
- with over 200 grantees
- of which 80% continue services after program ends

The goal of rural community programs is to improve health service delivery by strengthening health networks and encourage collaboration among rural health care providers.

More than 25 million people – 1 in 12 people nationwide – rely on HRSA-funded health centers for care, including:

- 1 in 9 Children
- 1 in 5 Rural residents
- 1 in 3 People living in poverty

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) grew to more than 13,000 providers in FY19 with 3,785 serving in rural areas.

- 1,763 Primary Care Clinicians
- 1,545 Mental/Behavioral Health Clinicians
- 487 Dental Clinicians

With two new loan repayment programs, one specifically targeting rural areas, 467 NHSC providers are working to combat the opioid crisis at substance use disorder treatment facilities in rural communities.

Of the 1,028 Nurse Corps members in FY19:

- 423 nurses and nurse faculty provide care in rural areas

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- 85.5% were virally suppressed

Compared to 85.9% of all RWHAP clients who were virally suppressed nationally.

In 2017, the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program provided health care and public health services for an estimated 56 million people, including pregnant women, infants, children, including children with special health care needs, and their families in the United States.

- 86% of all pregnant women
- 99% of infants
- 55% of children

benefitted from a Title V-supported service

Reaching more communities than ever before, the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program has DOUBLED the total number of counties served since the program began. In FY18, the MIECHV Program funded services in 22% of all rural counties.

In 2017, there were 12,414 RWHAP® clients who only visited rural providers. Of these RWHAP® clients:

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